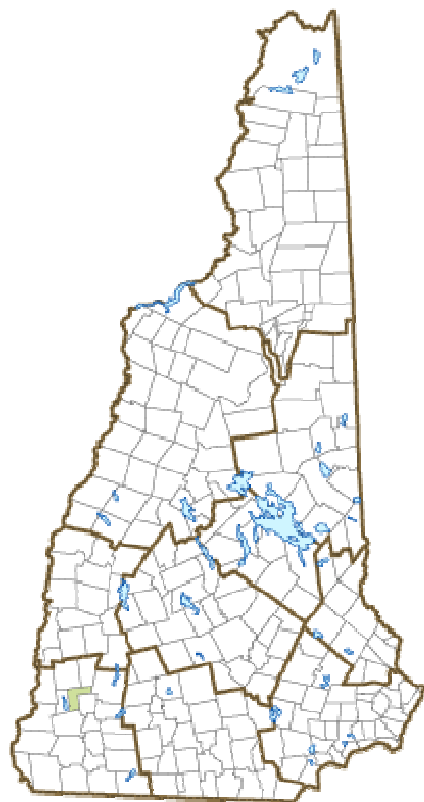


Gilsum, NH



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Web Site

www.gilsum.org

Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: meeting Monday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; Town Clerk: Tuesday, 6 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday, 8 am - 12 noon; Tax Collector: Thursday, 8 am - 12 noon

County

Cheshire

Labor Market Area

Keene NH Micro-NECTA

Tourism Region

Monadnock

Planning Commission

Southwest Region

Regional Development

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 10

State Representative

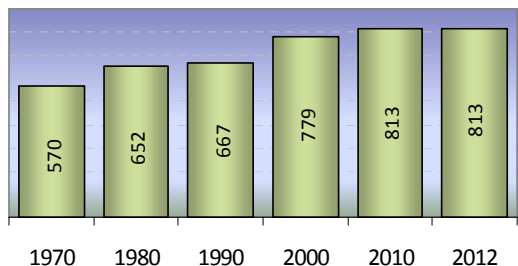
Cheshire County District 3

Incorporated: 1763

Origin: First granted by the New Hampshire proprietors in 1752, the town was given the name Boyle, after Richard Boyle, Earl of Burlington and a distinguished architect. No claims were settled within the prescribed time because of danger from Indian attacks. A new charter was issued in 1763 to Benjamin Sumner, who surveyed the area and established a settlement along with several relatives from Connecticut. One of those settlers was Captain Samuel Gilbert, who became the first moderator. The name Gilsum was adopted in their honor. Gilsum's Lower Village is the site of the much-photographed Stone Arch over the Ashuelot River.

Villages and Place Names: Lower Village, Roundys Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 298 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Gilsum totaled 285 over 52 years, from 528 in 1960 to 813 in 2012. The largest decennial percent increase was 17 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2012 Census estimate for Gilsum was 813 residents, which ranked 195th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 48.8 persons per square mile of land area. Gilsum contains 16.7 square miles of land area and 0.02 square miles of inland water area.



| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Type of Government | Selectmen |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013 | \$702,804 |
| Budget: School Appropriations, | Not Available |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1956/09 |
| Master Plan | 2001 |
| Capital Improvement Plan | No |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | Planning Board |

Boards and Commissions

| | |
|------------|---|
| Elected: | Selectmen; Budget; Trust Funds; Cemetary; Library; Checklist |
| Appointed: | Recreation; Planning; Zoning; Conservation |

Public Library **Gilsum Public**

| EMERGENCY SERVICES | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Police Department | Cheshire County Sheriff & part-time |
| Fire Department | Volunteer |
| Emergency Medical Service | Volunteer |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | Distance Staffed Beds |
| Cheshire Medical Center, Keene | 8 miles 140 |

| UTILITIES | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Electric Supplier | PSNH |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None |
| Water Supplier | Private wells |
| Sanitation | Private septic |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | No |
| Solid Waste Disposal | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | None |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | Yes |
| Recycling Program | Voluntary |
| Telephone Company | Fairpoint |
| Cellular Telephone Access | Limited |
| Cable Television Access | Yes |
| Public Access Television Station | No |
| High Speed Internet Service: | Business Yes |
| | Residential Yes |

| PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i> | |
|---|----------------|
| 2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$25.94 |
| 2012 Equalization Ratio | 106.9 |
| 2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$27.64 |
| 2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 90.8% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 5.6% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 3.6% |

| HOUSING <i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i> | |
|---|------------|
| Total Housing Units | 278 |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 266 |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 3 |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 0 |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 9 |

| DEMOGRAPHICS | | <i>(US Census Bureau)</i> |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2012 | 813 | 76,851 |
| 2010 | 813 | 77,117 |
| 2000 | 779 | 73,993 |
| 1990 | 667 | 70,223 |
| 1980 | 652 | 62,116 |
| 1970 | 570 | 52,364 |

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Population by Gender | | |
| Male | 302 | Female 286 |

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Population by Age Group | |
| Under age 5 | 16 |
| Age 5 to 19 | 84 |
| Age 20 to 34 | 73 |
| Age 35 to 54 | 202 |
| Age 55 to 64 | 130 |
| Age 65 and over | 83 |
| Median Age | 49.9 years |

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|--|--------------|
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | |
| High school graduate or higher | 92.2% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 19.4% |

| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i> | |
|---|-----------------|
| Per capita income | \$25,768 |
| Median 4-person family income | \$53,750 |
| Median household income | \$51,447 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | |
| Male | \$36,953 |
| Female | \$32,171 |
| Families below the poverty level | 3.5% |

| LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i> | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Annual Average | 2002 | 2012 |
| Civilian labor force | 433 | 430 |
| Employed | 414 | 407 |
| Unemployed | 19 | 23 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.4% | 5.3% |

| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i> | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2002 | 2012 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 41 | n |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 611 | n |
| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 60 | n |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 348 | n |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 101 | 99 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 454 | \$ 743 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 29 | 27 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 500 | \$ 824 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 129 | 125 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 464 | \$ 760 |

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional Cooperative (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Sullivan, Swanzey, Troy)** District: **SAU 93**

Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

| | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
| Number of Schools | 1 | | | |
| Grade Levels | K 1-6 | | | |
| Total Enrollment | 75 | | | |

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Gilsum Village Store | General store | 4 | |
| W.S. Badger Co., Inc. | Hand lotion, balm | | 1996 |
| RJ Sports | Fabricated textile products | | 1985 |

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **10**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 3 or 5**
Distance **25 miles**

Railroad **No**
Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Dillant-Hopkins, Keene Runway **6,201 ft. asphalt**
Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Lebanon Municipal Distance **54 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **1**

Driving distance to select cities:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Manchester, NH | 62 miles |
| Portland, Maine | 154 miles |
| Boston, Mass. | 112 miles |
| New York City, NY | 231 miles |
| Montreal, Quebec | 236 miles |

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 79.1% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 6.6% |
| Public transportation | .0% |
| Walked | 2.1% |
| Other means | 1.2% |
| Worked at home | 11.0% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 20.6 minutes |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Working in community of residence | 93.1 |
| Commuting to another NH community | 3.6 |
| Commuting out-of-state | 3.3 |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
YMCA/YWCA
Boys Club/Girls Club
Golf Courses
Swimming: Indoor Facility
Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Bowling Facilities
Museums
Cinemas
Performing Arts Facilities
Tourist Attractions
Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Crotched Mountain**

Other: **Gilsum Rock Swap; Old Home Day; Natural Bear Dens**